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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake

Re: **Support with Amendments to Senate Bill (SB) 104 - Labor and Employment - Apprenticeship 2030 Commission and Representation on the Apprenticeship and Training Council**

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents more than 150 electrical contractors who employ nearly 15,000 workers. Most importantly, for purposes of this amendment request IEC Chesapeake has approximately 1,000 (approximately nine percent of the statewide total) apprentices. As one of the three largest apprenticeship programs in Maryland, IEC Chesapeake is seeking an amendment to SB 104.

IEC Chesapeake is seeking an amendment to SB104 that would allow it and its fellow merit shop organizations to have the opportunity to serve on the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission. It is important to note that the number of apprentices in Maryland are nearly equally split between union and non-union entities.

Proposed Amendment to SB 104

Page 4, after Line 5, insert:

“(12) Two members representing group non joint representation entities.”

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Shmelzer, Executive Director of IEC Chesapeake, at 1-301-621-9545, extension 114 or at gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com or Kevin O’Keeffe at 410-382-7844 or at kevin@kokeeffelaw.com.

About Us

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents members throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Our headquarters are located in Laurel, Maryland. IEC Chesapeake has an extensive apprenticeship program for training electricians. In addition, IEC Chesapeake promotes green economic growth by providing education and working with contractor members, industry partners, government policy makers and inspectors to increase the use of renewable energy.





PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SB 104

BY: Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake
(To be offered in the House Economic Matters Committee)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 104

AMENDMENT No. 1

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